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To establish a capability and office to promote cooperation between entities of the United States and its allies in the global war on terrorism for the purpose of engaging in cooperative endeavors focused on the research, development, and commercialization of high-priority technologies intended to detect, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against acts of terrorism and other high consequence events and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2006

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. REICHERT, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting
3 Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Co-
4 operation Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The development and implementation of
8 technology is critical to combating terrorism and
9 other high consequence events and implementing a
10 comprehensive homeland security strategy.

11 (2) The United States and its allies in the glob-
12 al war on terrorism share a common interest in fa-
13 cilitating research, development, testing, and evalua-
14 tion of technologies that will aid in detecting, pre-
15 venting, responding to, recovering from, and miti-
16 gating against acts of terrorism.

17 (3) Certain United States allies in the global
18 war on terrorism, including Israel, the United King-
19 dom, Canada, Australia, and Singapore have exten-
20 sive experience with, and technological expertise in,
21 homeland security.

22 (4) The United States and certain of its allies
23 in the global war on terrorism have a history of suc-
24 cessful collaboration in developing mutually bene-
25 ficial technologies in the areas of defense, agri-
26 culture, and telecommunications.

1 (5) The United States and its allies in the glob-
 2 al war on terrorism will mutually benefit from the
 3 sharing of technological expertise to combat domes-
 4 tic and international terrorism.

5 (6) The establishment of an office to facilitate
 6 and support cooperative endeavors between and
 7 among government agencies, for-profit business enti-
 8 ties, academic institutions, and nonprofit entities of
 9 the United States and its allies will safeguard lives
 10 and property worldwide against acts of terrorism
 11 and other high consequence events.

12 **SEC. 3. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
 13 **NATIONAL COOPERATION ACT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Homeland Security Act of
 15 2002 is amended by inserting after section 313 (6 U.S.C.
 16 193) the following new section:

17 **“SEC. 314. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
 18 **NATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAM.**

19 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
 21 the Director selected under subsection (b)(2).

22 “(2) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIV-
 23 ITY.—The term ‘international cooperative activity’
 24 includes—

1 “(A) coordinated research projects, joint
2 research projects, or joint ventures;

3 “(B) joint studies or technical demonstra-
4 tions;

5 “(C) coordinated field exercises, scientific
6 seminars, conferences, symposia, and work-
7 shops;

8 “(D) training of scientists and engineers;

9 “(E) visits and exchanges of scientists, en-
10 gineers, or other appropriate personnel;

11 “(F) exchanges or sharing of scientific and
12 technological information; and

13 “(G) joint use of laboratory facilities and
14 equipment.

15 “(b) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HOMELAND SECU-
16 RITY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS OF-
17 FICE.—

18 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Under Secretary
19 shall establish the Science and Technology Home-
20 land Security International Cooperative Programs
21 Office.

22 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by
23 a Director, who shall be selected by and shall report
24 to the Under Secretary.

25 “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

1 “(A) DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS.—

2 The Director shall be responsible for devel-
3 oping, in coordination with the Department of
4 State and other Federal agencies, mechanisms
5 and legal frameworks to allow and to support
6 international cooperative activity in support of
7 homeland security research.

8 “(B) PRIORITIES.—The Director shall be
9 responsible for developing, in coordination with
10 the Directorate of Science and Technology, the
11 other components of the Department of Home-
12 land Security, and other Federal agencies, stra-
13 tegic priorities for international cooperative ac-
14 tivity.

15 “(C) ACTIVITIES.—The Director shall fa-
16 cilitate the planning, development, and imple-
17 mentation of international cooperative activity
18 to address the strategic priorities developed
19 under subparagraph (B) through mechanisms
20 the Under Secretary considers appropriate, in-
21 cluding grants, cooperative agreements, or con-
22 tracts to or with foreign public or private enti-
23 ties, governmental organizations, businesses,
24 federally funded research and development cen-
25 ters, and universities.

1 “(D) IDENTIFICATION OF PARTNERS.—

2 The Director shall facilitate the matching of
3 United States entities engaged in homeland se-
4 curity research with non-United States entities
5 engaged in homeland security research so that
6 they may partner in homeland security research
7 activities.

8 “(4) COORDINATION.—The Director shall en-
9 sure that the activities under this subsection are co-
10 ordinated with those of other relevant research agen-
11 cies, and may run projects jointly with other agen-
12 cies.

13 “(5) CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS.—The
14 Director, periodically, shall hold international home-
15 land security technology workshops and conferences
16 to improve contact among the international commu-
17 nity of technology developers and to help establish
18 direction for future technology goals.

19 “(c) FUNDING.—

20 “(1) BUDGET ALLOCATION.—Not less than 2.5
21 percent of the research, development, testing, and
22 evaluation budget of the Directorate of Science and
23 Technology for each fiscal year, not including man-
24 agement and administration amounts, shall be allo-
25 cated for activities under this section.

1 “(2) **EQUITABILITY.**—The Director shall ensure
2 that funding and resources expended in international
3 cooperative activity will be equitably matched by the
4 foreign partner organization through direct funding
5 or funding of complementary activities, or through
6 provision of staff, facilities, material, or equipment.

7 “(3) **FOREIGN PARTNERS.**—Partners shall in-
8 clude Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Aus-
9 tralia, Singapore, and other allies in the global war
10 on terrorism, as appropriate. As part of the activi-
11 ties of the Office, and recognizing the importance of
12 preparedness against threats to the Nation’s agricul-
13 tural and public health from exotic diseases, the Di-
14 rector shall work, in conjunction with the portfolio
15 and program managers of the Directorate of Science
16 and Technology, to facilitate development of infor-
17 mation sharing and other types of cooperative mech-
18 anisms for situational awareness of the genomics
19 and proteomics of exotic animal disease, including
20 with nations in Africa.”.

21 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.**—The table
22 of contents of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
23 amended by adding after the item relating to section 313
24 the following new item:

“Sec. 314. Promoting antiterrorism through international cooperation program.”.

